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LAST SAD CHAPTER.

Inquests Held and Body of Murdered Child and of Lynched Negro Were Buried.

The full story of the horrible crime near Little Mountain, on the Lexington side of the line, and the subsequent lynching of the negro, Flute Clark, on Friday night, by the determined crowd which gathered as soon as the news of his attempted criminal assault on a 14-year-old white child of the community and the cutting by him of her throat from ear to ear and of the bone in the back of the neck, almost severing her head from her body, was given in a special edition of The Herald and News on Saturday morning.

The body of the negro was found on Saturday morning, some three hundred yards on the Newberry side of the line, where it had been left after his body was riddled with bullets on Friday night. The negro had been taken to a field on the south side of the mountain, and it is said that a lantern was swung on his body in order that the crowd might see where to aim.

Of course it is problematical as to how many men took part in the killing. The body had been pierced with a number of bullets and a good part of his head was shot off.

The inquest over the body of the negro was held on Saturday by Magistrate B. B. Davis, of Little Mountain, at the request of Coroner Felker, of Newberry county. After viewing the remains and taking some testimony the verdict was to the effect that Clark came to his death from gun-shot wounds at the hands of unknown parties.

The inquest over the young girl was held by Magistrate R. W. Frick, of Chapin, acting for Coroner Clark, of Lexington county. No new facts were developed at this inquest.

The child was buried at Mt. Tabor church on Saturday afternoon. The services were held at the church, and were conducted by the Rev. E. J. Sox, assisted by the Rev. O. B. Shearouse. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity and there was a throng of people outside who could not find standing room inside the church.

The negro's remains were buried at a negro church over on the Lexington side.

The two funerals were at about the same hour.

Several Newberrians attended the funeral of the young girl, among them Governor-elect Cole. L. Blease.

The funerals on Saturday afternoon added the final chapter to a tragedy which stirred this section of the State as few tragedies have done in many years. The attempted assault and the murder occurred at between three and 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon. It was shortly after 10 o'clock when the negro confessed and at about 10.30 o'clock the lynching occurred.

When the negro came back to the field after his horrible crime and the alarm was given he went back to the house, and keeping himself under wonderful control, aided around the house and was apparently helping the others to find some clue of the perpetrator of the crime. When suspicion pointed to him, a chain of evidence gradually appeared which left no doubt of his guilt, and which was confirmed by his subsequent confession.

There were men gathered at the scene of the crime from Newberry and Lexington counties to the number of more than a thousand. Many of them, however, did not know the negro's whereabouts, he being in the hands of another party some hundred yards distant from the home of the girl's parents. Sheriff Buford, of Newberry, and Sheriff Corley and Deputy Sheriff Miller, of Lexington, were powerless to prevent the lynching.

Some Sidelights.

It is no easy matter to handle a lynching sixteen miles from town at 10.30 o'clock at night, send off reports of it to the daily newspapers and get back to the city in time to get out a special edition in time to catch a 5.19 mail next morning. Such was the newspaper feat performed by The Herald and News. For this good time much of the credit is due the run made from Prosperity to Newberry, to get the newspaper men, from Newberry to Little Mountain, and then back to Newberry by Mr. J. Frank Browne, driving his car and accompanied by Mr. Jerome D. Harmon.

Two Newberry cars went to the scene, that of Mr. Robert Norris, containing Driver W. C. Waldrop, Constable Cannon G. Blease, Policeman T. P. Adams, and Mr. White Fant, and Mr. Forrest Summer's car, driven by Mr. Summer and containing Sheriff Buford, Deputy Sheriff Pope Buford, and Mr. W. J. Swittenberg. As stated there were several officers who came in two Lexington machines. Mr. Waldrop's machine was first to reach the scene.

It is doubtful if any number of officers or any number of militia, if there had been time to get the militia there, could have prevented the lynching. The officers were there to do their duty but to prevent the lynching was beyond their power.

The road leading up to the home of the victim was lined with carriages, automobiles and buggies, and many saddled horses stood around. There were weapons of every conceivable description.

The Inquisition.

Coroner Felker received the following report from Magistrate Davis yesterday of the inquest and sent a copy to Gov. Ansel:

Little Mountain, S. C.
Mr. W. E. Felker. Dear Sir: I send you all the evidence I could get at inquest over the body of Flute Clark and the jury's verdict. Could not find anyone who knew anything about it.

Your friend,
B. B. Davis.

At inquisition taken at Little Mountain, S. C., on November 26, 1910, the jury after getting all the evidence they could and hearing same renders the verdict that Henry Clark (alias Flute Clark) came to his death from gun-shot wounds inflicted by parties unknown to jury.

B. B. Davis, Magistrate,
Acting Coroner for N. C.
November 26, 1910.

Dr. J. M. Sease sworn, said that the deceased came to his death from gun-shot wounds in head and face sufficient to cause instant death.

J. M. Sease.
W. F. White sworn: Personally appeared: Says he knows the negro, Henry Clark, commonly known as Flute. Didn't see negro yesterday. Been knowing negro about two years. Saw dead body this morning lying just as he is now. General appearance he is the same negro.

W. F. White.
Martin Cannon sworn: Martin Cannon says he knows this body to be Henry Clark. Been knowing him 15 years. Saw him yesterday evening. Saw him again about 11 o'clock last night. Sure of the body being that of Henry Clark. Came to see for curiosity.

Martin Cannon.
Martin Cannon recalled: Says he is about 22 years old, working for Mr. Noah Shealy at the time of death and has been employed by Mr. Shealy for the last seven or eight years.

Martin Cannon.
W. F. White recalled: W. F. White says this negro was married and has one child.

W. F. White.
The deceased, Henry Cannon, came to his death by gunshot wounds unknown to the jury.

S. W. Young, foreman; D. L. Bowers, J. D. Brown, Jr., J. W. Lindler, N. B. Wheeler, Norris McIntire, A. A. Singley, E. E. Sligh, J. O. Singley, J. E. Boland, I. I. Hawkins.
November 26, 1910.

LEXINGTON SHERIFF REPORTS.

Newberry Sheriff Says He Has Made None, But Will Do So if Called Upon.

It was stated in the press dispatches from Columbia and published in the Sunday papers that Governor Ansel would give out no statement in regard to the lynching which unfortunately took place in Newberry county until he had received report from the sheriff.

The Herald and News yesterday sent a representative to Sheriff Buford to ask if he had made any report, and the sheriff said that he had made no report but would do so if called upon. He said he thought the Lexington sheriff has to make the report.

Sheriff of Lexington Reports.

The State.
Lexington, Nov. 27.—When seen today the sheriff, P. H. Corley, stated that he had mailed his report to Gov. Ansel on the lynching of the negro, "Flute" Clark, which occurred just across the Lexington line in Newberry county, on Friday night.

THE IDLER.

To The Idler: I am requested to say to you that that additional lamp which was ordered put up at the union station in Friend street has not been put up for the reason that the Southern railway gave notice that no lamp pole could be erected within thirty feet of the ends of the cross-ties. Alderman Baxter says all the material necessary has been ordered and is on hand.

Citizen.

Now, that is very strange. I can not understand why the railroad people would put any obstruction in the way of additional light at the union station. Seems to me they would be anxious to have more light and that if the town would not furnish the light they would themselves. I know what I will do. I see the chamber of commerce has invited President W. W. Finley to be here on the 20th of December and that he has accepted. I will just take him over there myself, or have some one to do it for me, and let him see for himself how difficult it is to see in the high officials don't really know how I hope it will be raining and the streets good muddy and that he may wade over his shoe tops in the water.

It really happens that some of these high officers don't really know how much inconvenience some of us poor folk have to endure to keep them going on big salaries. Yes, I want him to get his feet good muddy. Maybe he will realize then how great is this need. Now, as for me personally, it makes very little difference, for I don't have to go out at night and might little in the day time. I am getting so old and feeble and near sighted that I am afraid that I may be run down by somebody's automobile or motor cycle or mule buggy. In fact, all my efforts have been to help the public and for no personal gain or the hope of personal gain. But the town does need more light at night at the union station, and if the railroad will not permit this street light then pass an ordinance requiring the railroad to put up and burn more small lights around the depot. Or stop the night trains.

I notice the civic association has elected new officers and appointed committees. Now, for instance, what is the public square committee going to do? or what does it intend to do? Bring the wagon yard back to the upper square, of course. Seems to me I heard a long time ago that the association had already given the order for a nice coping around a portion of the upper square, and that the portion inside was to be made into a nice little park. Am I right? If so, then get busy and get busy quick.

I am told that the present city council has put down some good cement sidewalks in West End. That is the proper thing to do, and I wish some were down in some other sections of the city. But they ought to be put down under the direction of some one who knows what he is doing so that the water would not stand on them after each rain.

By the way, I was thinking the other day—yes, I am always thinking about something good—I was thinking about a new postoffice building for Newberry and I thought what a nice location the Central Methodist church lot would be, and all at once it seemed to me that I had heard or read somewhere, that once upon a time something had been said about a government building for Newberry and that the congressman from this district—I forget his name for the moment—had gotten congress to make an appropriation for that very purpose and it was a good purpose, too. Did the government buy a lot? Seems to me I heard something about that. I wonder if the government intends to build any time soon. Now, Congressman Aiken, when you go up to Washington next week for the opening of congress will you be so kind as to let me hear something about that appropriation. If you have already sent it to the banks in Newberry the interest on it will add considerable to the sum. In fact the amount will double in a certain number of years and we could build a building that would be a credit to the city.

That was a fearful crime reported in

the Saturday edition of The Herald and News and the daily papers. I am sorry they brought the brute over on the Newberry side to shoot him, but I reckon if I had been there I would have aided and abetted and given little thought to county lines. The brutes who commit such crimes may know that certain and speedy justice will be their portion.

By the way, Mr. Editor, that was a good piece of work, I mean that Saturday edition. Your subscribers ought to appreciate that. But, you know, I find that there are lots of people who have very little appreciation. I reckon that is the right word. And, no doubt, you will find some people who will find fault with you, but you just let the heathen rage, and tell them The Idler says he is proud to be connected with The Herald and News.

I read the following in Frank Stanton's column in the Atlanta Constitution some time ago:

Every-Day Philosophy.

Arthur Aull is a philosopher who preaches good sermons on the little things that make up life. Here is a bunch of them:

"Two women living upon adjacent lots, with children and chickens in each yard, are almost sure to have a row. A whole lot of the time, when you gaze ahead, it looks like it was Indians upon the upper road and certain death upon the lower. A young man not far from here, when asked his occupation, answered that he was engaged in the practice of law and economy. Most folks are like a young bird—give them something and their thanks consist in opening their mouths for more."

I was wondering if this Arthur Aull was some of the same Aulls we had in this county. I know lots of folks like the little bird. And if you fail to supply the call of the open mouth even one time they get mad and pout like little children.

What about my park? The Idler's park? Well, just this, the park is coming and coming soon, too, and don't you forget that.

The Idler.

Takes in Newberry County.

The Spartanburg Herald, which has been doing some admirable work in stimulating the citizens whom it serves so well to renewed activities in various lines of endeavor, prints a very striking map which illustrates at a glance the remarkable development of the territory in and around Spartanburg. Within a radius of fifty miles of its city The Herald boasts of an estimated population of 500,000; of \$7,000,000 capital invested in water power development; of 70,000-horse power available; of 80,000-horse power available, but not developed; of \$50,000,000 capital invested in textiles, which is almost as much as in the entire State of South Carolina, the second manufacturing State in the Union; of 3,500,000 cotton spindles; of 77,000 cotton looms, about one-fifth the entire number in the South; and of superb lands admirably adapted to a wide variety of agricultural enterprises. Within the circle embraced in The Herald's map are in the counties of Spartanburg, Cherokee, Union, Laurens and Greenville, in South Carolina, and Rutherford, Polk, Cleveland and Henderson, in North Carolina, as well as part of the counties of Yorkville, Chester, Fairfield, Newberry, Greenwood, Abbeville, Anderson and Pickens, in South South Carolina, and Transylvania, McDowell, Buncombe, Burke, Lincoln and Baston, in North Carolina. Of course, a good deal of this territory is not tributary to Spartanburg in a business way, but with its railroad connections leading in every direction, "The City of Success" may well take pride in the superb resources of the rapidly developing district of which it is the centre.—News and Courier.

It is getting time to begin to advise the legislature just what the needs of the country demand, and what is expected of that body.

Query: If a hen should eat poppy seed would the eggs that she laid be doped?—Greenville Piedmont. Not being intimately acquainted with the hen and being unfamiliar with her whereabouts, etc., deponent saith nothing. It might depend on the society to which the hen belonged or on the circle in which she moved.

The Herald and News Begins New Enterprise

Several Handsome Prizes Will Be Awarded In This Big Subscription Campaign.—Read All About It and Get In the Race.

Beginning with this announcement The Herald and News launches one of the newest and best enterprises of its history in the form of a Subscription Campaign and Voting Contest.

There will be several prizes awarded to the contestants receiving the highest number of votes, votes to be issued on each subscription, and the winners of the prizes to be decided later by a committee of men who will act as judges.

What the Contest Is For.

This voting contest is launched to increase the subscription list of The Herald and News, and to enable The Herald and News to reach its high aim of the best and newsiest semi-weekly in Newberry county and a "Second best to none" in South Carolina.

To do this the management of this paper conceived the idea of giving away handsome and valuable prizes to the men, women, boys and girls, who are willing to assist in this campaign. This plan has called into consultation the best newspaper deliberation The Herald and News affords.

How the Contest Will be Conducted.

For the purpose of conducting its contest on the best principles, and business plan The Herald and News has entered into a contract with the well known contest firm of Jacksonville, Fla., The American Music Co., who are conducting so many successful contests all over the South, and their integrity and modern business methods are a guarantee to all the contestants of the absolute fairness of the contest.

The American Music Co., will be represented by Mrs. Edna Morris, a very competent contest manager of much experience, who will have entire charge of the contest.

Who Can Enter.

Any white person of good repute is eligible to enter this race.

No employer or employee or a direct member of The Herald and News, of his or her family, will be allowed to enter this contest, and the Contest Manager reserves the right to reject any name for cause that will be sent in.

How to Enter.

In another column of this paper will be found a Nomination Coupon, cut out this coupon and fill it in properly and send it to the Contest Department of The Herald and News, or if you do not have a coupon, write the name of the person or persons whom you wish to enter as a candidate with their address written plainly on a separate sheet of paper, and announce them as a candidate in the race.

The first Nomination Coupon sent in for each contestant, entitles him or her to 1000 votes, or as soon as his or her name is received in the Contest Department, 1000 votes are issued to their credit.

The nominator's name will not be divulged, so do not be afraid to nomi-

nate as many as you choose.

The Prizes and How They Will be Awarded.

The Herald and News has spared no expense in selecting prizes for this contest, and only prizes of worth and value have been selected. The first prize is a handsome Cote piano, a well chosen prize. This piano is of the \$425.00 size and style, and is guaranteed by the manufacturers for ten years.

This piano has a beautiful mahogany case, a highly finished case, double veneered, with seven and one-third octaves, the keys being of the best imported ivory. Three unison with overstrung bass the strings are of the best German imported wire.

The unimpeachable workmanship is perfected by the appearance of the instrument, it being of a plainness that always attracts.

Other prizes will follow consecutively, they are being selected to consummate the plan of The Herald and News in making this voting contest the greatest of any of its kind that has been attempted in this section of the country.

How Votes Are Obtained.

On another page of this paper will be found a scale of votes to be used in this contest. Votes will be issued on subscriptions by this scale, and by bonus offers that will be announced later.

A free voting "Weekly Ballot" will be published weekly, entitling the recipient to as many free votes as the ballot represents. As many of these ballots will be accepted as can be collected weekly, but they must be sent to the Contest Department promptly, each week before the expiration of the date of publication of the next issue of The Herald and News, unless a change of this rule is announced in the paper.

When to Enter.

Send in your nominations at once. An early start is half the race, and those who contemplate entering or sending in their nominations are urged to do so promptly. Don't stop at nominating a friend, but if you want to win a prize for yourself, start today.

For any information about this contest call on or write Contest Manager of The Herald and News.

Subscription pads and receipt books will be supplied on application to the Contest Manager. Get them at an early date and get in the lead by an early start.

The rules for the contest will be published in the next edition of this paper.

Scale of Vote for The Herald and News Contest.

An increase of 500 votes on every year will be given on New Subscriptions. The following scale for old and renewals:
6 months, 75 cents 500 votes.
1 year, \$1.50 1,000 votes.
2 years, \$3.00 2,500 votes.
3 years, \$4.50 4,000 votes.
5 years, \$7.50 10,000 votes.
10 years, \$15.00 25,000 votes.
25 years, \$37.50 100,000 votes.

NOMINATION COUPON.

I hereby nominate as a candidate in THE HERALD AND NEWS contest Mr., Mrs., or Miss

of _____
Under no circumstance will the nominator's name be divulged.